

NOTA MERIDIANA**SIGLATO L'ACCORDO TRA QATAR AIRWAYS E MERIDIANA****L'accordo è stato raggiunto durante il Farnborough Air Show 2016**

Olbia, 14 Luglio 2016 - Qatar Airways ha annunciato in data odierna di aver sottoscritto un Accordo di conferimento e patto parasociale con Alisarda, holding di Meridiana.

L'accordo prevede che Qatar Airways acquisti, indirettamente, il 49% delle azioni di Meridiana fly, soggetto all'ottemperanza di specifiche condizioni, alle quali è subordinato il perfezionamento dell'operazione, previsto per l'inizio di ottobre.

Il Chief Executive di Qatar Airways Group, Akbar Al Baker, ha dichiarato: "Qatar Airways continua a sviluppare le proprie opportunità di business nel mondo, sia incrementando il ventaglio delle offerte di viaggio per i propri passeggeri, sia rafforzando il proprio portafoglio di investimenti. Questo accordo getta le basi per il progredire di una soluzione che offra benefici sia allo staff, sia ai passeggeri che viaggiano con Meridiana fly".

Meridiana è la seconda compagnia aerea in Italia con un ampio network sia domestico sia europeo, connette i principali aeroporti italiani con la Sardegna e offre collegamenti con gli *hub* europei, nord americani e africani. La flotta di Meridiana è composta da Boeing 737, 767 e MD82.

Qatar Airways, la compagnia di bandiera dello Stato del Qatar è uno dei vettori che hanno avuto una maggiore espansione, operando con una delle più giovani flotte al mondo. Ora, nel suo 19mo anno di operatività Qatar Airways possiede una flotta di 188 aeromobili e vola verso più di 150 destinazioni business e leisure, attraverso sei continenti.

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QATAR AIRWAYS SIGNS MERIDIANA AGREEMENT

Agreement reached during the Farnborough Air Show 2016

14 July 2016

DOHA, Qatar – Qatar Airways announced today that it has signed a contribution and shareholders agreement with Alisarda, the parent company of Meridiana.

The agreement provides for Qatar Airways to purchase 49 per cent of Meridiana fly's shares, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, before the closing which is planned for early October.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Mr. Akbar Al Baker, said: "Qatar Airways continues to expand its business opportunities around the world, increasing travel options for our passengers while also enhancing our investment portfolio.

"This agreement sets the path to progress our work towards a strong resolution that benefits both the staff and passengers who travel with Meridiana fly."

Meridiana is the second largest carrier in Italy, with an extensive national and European network, which connects the main Italian airports with Sardinia and provides connectivity with hubs in Europe as well as in the U.S. and Africa. Meridiana's fleet consists of Boeing 737s, 767s and MD-82s.

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About Qatar Airways:

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A multiple award-winning airline, Qatar Airways was awarded World's Best Business Class; Best Business Class Airline Lounge and Best Airline Staff Service in the Middle East at the prestigious 2016 World Airline Awards managed by international air transport rating organisation Skytrax.

Qatar Airways is a member of the oneworld global alliance. The award-winning alliance was named the World's Best Airline Alliance 2015 by Skytrax for the third year running. Qatar Airways was the first Gulf carrier to join global airline alliance, oneworld, enabling its passengers to benefit from more than 1,000 airports in more than 150 countries, with 14,250 daily departures.

Oryx One, Qatar Airways' inflight entertainment system offers passengers up to 3,000 entertainment options from the latest blockbuster movies, TV box sets, music, games and much more. Passengers flying on Qatar Airways flights served by its B787, A350, A380, A319 as well as select A320 and A330 aircraft can also stay in touch with their friends and family around the world by using the award-winning airline's on-board Wi-Fi and GSM service.

Qatar Airways is one of the world's leaders in sponsoring global sporting events, including the strategic team sponsorships of FC Barcelona and Al-Ahli Saudi Arabia FC. Qatar Airways' strategy reflects the values of sports as a means of bringing people together, something at the core of the airline's own brand message - Going Places Together.

Qatar Airways Cargo, the world's third largest cargo carrier, serves more than 50 exclusive freighter destinations worldwide via its Doha hub and also delivers freight to more than 150 key business and leisure destinations globally on 188 aircraft. The Qatar Airways Cargo fleet now includes eight Airbus 330Fs, 10 Boeing 777 freighters and two Boeing 747 freighters.

About Meridiana

Alisarda is an holding company controlled by AKFED S.A. Alisarda controls the airline Meridiana and the airport management company Geasar (Olbia airport).

Meridiana is an Italian airline controlled by AKFED (Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development), with its headquarters in Olbia. The company was set up with the name of Alisarda on 29 March 1963, with the aim of promoting tourism in Sardinia. In 1991 the name was changed to Meridiana. Thanks to the merger with charter carrier Eurofly and to the acquisition of the charter company Air Italy, during last five years, Meridiana has become one of the most important players in international flights and its growth in new medium and long haul destinations is ongoing. Moreover Meridiana signed partnerships or cooperation agreements with most of the leading tour operators in Italy.

Meridiana's fleet consists of Boeing 737, Boeing 767 and McDonnell Douglas MD82 aircraft.